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LAWYERS RECOGNIZED WITH QUEEN'S COUNSEL APPOINTMENT

VICTORIA – Attorney General Wally Oppal today announced that 32 British Columbia lawyers have been appointed Queen's counsel.

The Queen's counsel designation is an honour conferred on members of the legal profession to recognize exceptional merit and contribution. The successful candidates demonstrate professional integrity and good character and must have been members of the British Columbia bar for at least five years.

Each September, the Attorney General calls for Queen's counsel nominations from the public. The deadline for submissions was Nov. 1. All applications were reviewed by an advisory committee, which recommended deserving candidates to the Attorney General. The appointments were made by cabinet.

The advisory committee includes the chief justice of British Columbia, the chief justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, the chief judge of the Provincial Court, the president of the Law Society of British Columbia, a member of the Law Society appointed by the benchers (directors) and the deputy attorney general. The committee also seeks the views of the Canadian Bar Association (B.C. Branch).

A list of Queen's counsel appointees can be found in the attached backgrounder.

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